

SENATE BILL 2562

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 1, Part 3, relative to state symbols.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this general assembly should honor and congratulate those institutions and events that have been sources of great civic pride to their community and that seek to make the community a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is historically an agriculture-friendly environment and is proud to be one of the top beef-producing states in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the sale of cattle and calves is the number one source of agricultural income in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Giles County ranks second in the state of Tennessee for beef cow population; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County Chamber of Commerce conceived of an event at which cattlemen and non-cattlemen would come together in the name of agriculture for a set of programs, ranging from educational to social, to celebrate beef cattle production in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber, the University of Tennessee/Tennessee State University agricultural extension service, area cattlemen, and a number of volunteers formed a committee to organize such an event; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary event has grown so that it now reaches across the great state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the event has been featured in many statewide publications; and

WHEREAS, the Here's the Beef Festival is dedicated to the furtherance of agriculture education and lifestyle, and this body wishes to take the opportunity to recognize the Here's the Beef Festival organizers, committees, and volunteers and the people of Giles County; and

WHEREAS, the growing popularity and prominence of this outstanding event suggest to this general assembly that it should be designated as an official function of the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

The Here's the Beef Festival in Giles County is designated as the official state beef festival.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.